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For FATTY ACID-BASED HERBICIDAL COMPOSITION  
Examiner John Pak

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AMENDMENT A

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Office action dated September 13, 2001, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 5 and 11 as follows:

*a<sup>1</sup>* 5. (once amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein the saponified fatty acid-based active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of partial or complete sodium, potassium and other metal salts, and ammonium salts.

*a<sup>2</sup>* 11. (once amended) A method of controlling the growth of unwanted vegetation, comprising the steps providing the herbicidal composition of claim 1 and applying the composition to the unwanted vegetation at a volume of 47 to 374 liters per hectare.

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Please add new claim 12 :

a<sup>3</sup>

12. (new) The composition of claim 2 wherein the fatty acid active ingredient comprises the sodium or potassium salts of pelargonic acid, capric acid and lauric acid, the fatty acid salts being present at a ratio of about 1:1:2.

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Enclosed is a copy of the Amendment filed on February 13, 2002 in response to the Office action dated September 13, 2001.

We are in the process of submitting new power of attorney documents.

Although the undersigned is not an attorney of record in this application, "papers may be filed in patent applications by registered attorneys or agents not of record" and "filing of such papers is considered to be a representation that the attorney or agent is authorized to act in a representative capacity on behalf of application." See M.P.E.P. § 405. Therefore, applicant respectfully submits that the amendment was fully responsive as filed.

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